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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EWING).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

July 1, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS W. EWING to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Chris Geeslin, Harvest Christian Fellowship, Frederick, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence on Thee, and we beg Thy blessing upon our children, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and our country.

Gracious Father, we thank You for the great prosperity You have given us, the wealthiest Nation in the world. Yet, we come this morning with sorrowful hearts at the recent tragedies and continued social ills in our Nation.

Lord, we humbly ask that You would heal our land. We rededicate our Nation and ourselves to Your gracious Lordship. Pour out Your love, acceptance, and forgiveness as we come with heartfelt humility and repentance before You.

O God, we recognize that some things cannot be changed by legislation, but only by our Nation being reconciled to You, as stated in Your word, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, I will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Bless this Congress with Your protection, Your provision, and Your priesthood. Give them wisdom to make the right decisions before a holy, righteous and loving God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker pro tempore's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on the question of approving the Journal are postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SHIMKUS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a joint resolution of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S.J. Res. 21. Joint resolution to designate September 29, 1999, as "Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Day".

WELCOMING REVEREND CHRIS GEESLIN, HARVEST CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, FREDERICK, MD

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to my colleagues a constituent and a friend, Pastor Chris Geeslin.

Pastor Geeslin is a graduate of the Evangel Seminary of Harrisonburg, Virginia, with a Master's degree in theological studies, and is currently a doctoral candidate at the Wagner Institute in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Pastor Chris resides in Frederick, Maryland, with his wife of 15 years, Maryellen and their four children. Pastor Chris started the Frederick Worship Center, an evangelical trans-denominational church in Frederick 19 years ago. His church was instrumental in starting the Crisis Pregnancy Center, my favorite charity; the Downtown Community Church, a ministry to the inner-city of Frederick; and most recently has completed a merger with the Word of Life Church, now called the Harvest Christian Fellowship.

Pastor Chris is also the executive director of Servant Ministries, a hub-ministry for pastors, intercessors, and ministry leaders who desire to be networked in prayer for their community, city, and national leader so that "none should perish."

Please join me in welcoming Pastor Chris Geeslin.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize 5 one-minutes on each side.

COMMEMORATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FBI'S "CRISIS NEGOTIATION PROGRAM"

(Mr. HYDE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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